Restaurants contract basis to private parties in Hotels

7728. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ITDC management has been steadily giving out the restaurants to private parties in various hotels in New Delhi on contract basis due to deficiency in their management and most of them have been contracted on 60:40 ratio;

(b) whether such private parties have been manupulating their sales accounts to defy the contracts with or without staff assistance of ITDC;

(c) whether the hotel management of Janpath Hotel in order to push the sales of a party has not only closed down partly or fully its restaurants but has also opened up the lobby passage exclusive to the residents of the Hotel to the visitors' use for visiting the privately run open area restaurants viz., Food Plaza;

(d) whether the ITDC is unable to exlusive air conditioning plant for Janpath Hotel for several years despite repeated complaints from residents;

(e) whether he had recently visited the Hotel;

(f) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(g) what action is being proposed to direct ITDC to stop giving contracts for restaurants, and for building up independent Air conditioning Plant for Janpath Hotel residents to improve the rate of accupancy?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Based on the demand popularity of speciality cuisines, ITDC in its business interest has leased out space|infrastructure facilities for operating six speciality restaurants to private parties in four Delhi based hotels ITDC management charges licence fee on percentage of sale subject to a minimum guaranteed amount.

(b) In order to have effective control over sale proceeds in these restaurants, the unit management supervises these restaurants.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The existing central AC plant located in the adjoining hotel Kanishka has adequate capacity to cater to the airconditioning requirements of Janpath Hotel as well. The efficiency of cooling in Janpath Hotel is affected because of the equipment and installations being old. or in the event of break-down of AC Plant/ failure or inadequate power supply.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. I visited Janpath Hotel on 24 April, 1995 on a general inspection visit, alongwith my colleague, Minister of State and a team of Officers.

(g) The operation of restaurants by private parties is in the business interest of ITDC. The existing central AC Plant has adequate capacity to meet the demand. However, proposal for replacing old air-conditioning equipment in the quest rooms is under consideration.

Proposals of Tourism Promotion in Rajasthan

7729. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AD TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from Government of Rajasthan far which are still pending for approval with the Central Government promotion of Tourism in that State;